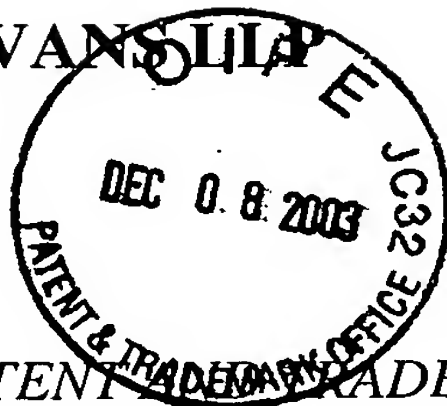


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003 ("Office Action")
please consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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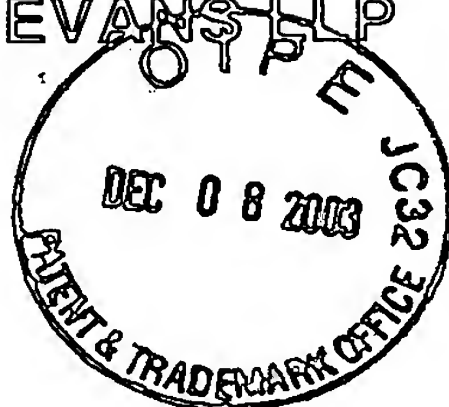
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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	77	40	37	\$18	\$666
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	9	4	5	\$86	\$430
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$1,096
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$1,096

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xx	An Extension of Time for <u>one</u> month hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is:	\$110
xx	Information Disclosure Statement	\$180
TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$1,386
xx	A check in the amount of <u>\$1,386</u> to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.	

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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